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Level 0 – 20th August 2026

Influencers risk shark bites for perfect photo

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Influencers take photos for their followers to see. Some influencers are risking their lives by swimming with sharks. However, people are getting bitten or killed by sharks. A shark expert says there are more shark attacks than ever. He said sharks were wild animals. He said you wouldn't go on safari and put your hand on a lion.

Experts want influencers to stay away from sharks. They say people are getting killed. Last year, a shark bit the hands off a woman when she tried to take a photo of it. Another influencer was killed trying to feed sharks to get them to come closer. Influencers might be sending a dangerous message that it is safe to touch sharks.

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2026/08/16/influencers-putting-lives-jeopardy-perfect-shark-snap-29391762/>
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2026/08/16/influencers-attacked-by-sharks-while-trying-to-take-selfies/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5yvrn7rpqpo>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. take photos for their | a. wild animals |
| 2. influencers are risking | b. killed by sharks |
| 3. people are getting bitten or | c. on a lion |
| 4. shark | d. followers to see |
| 5. more shark attacks | e. expert |
| 6. He said sharks were | f. safari |
| 7. go on | g. than ever |
| 8. put your hand | h. their lives |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. experts want influencers to | a. photo of it |
| 2. people are getting | b. to touch sharks |
| 3. a shark bit the hands | c. stay away |
| 4. she tried to take a | d. sharks |
| 5. another influencer | e. off a woman |
| 6. trying to feed | f. message |
| 7. sending a dangerous | g. was killed |
| 8. it is safe | h. killed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Influencers (1) _____ their followers to see.

Some influencers are (2) _____ by swimming

with sharks. However, people (3) _____ or

killed by sharks. A (4) _____ there are more

shark attacks than ever. He said sharks

(5) _____. He said you wouldn't go on safari

and put your hand (6) _____.

Experts want influencers (7) _____ from

sharks. They say (8) _____ killed. Last year,

a shark (9) _____ off a woman when she

tried to take a photo of it. Another influencer was killed

(10) _____ sharks to get them to come

closer. Influencers (11) _____ a dangerous

message that it is (12) _____ sharks.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ittenorkilledbysharks.Asharkexpertsaystherearemoresharkattackst
hanever.Hesaidsharkswerewildanimals.Hesaidyouwouldn'tgoonsaf
ariandputyourhandonalion.Expertswantinfluencerstostayawayfrom
sharks.Theysaypeoplearegettingkilled.Lastyear,asharkbitthehands
offawomanwhenshetriedtotakeaphotoofit.Anotherinfluencerwaskill
edtryingtofeedsharkstogetthemtocomecloser.Influencersmightbes
endingadangerousmessagethatitissafetotouchsharks.

INFLUENCERS

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Write five GOOD questions about influencers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **influencers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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